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DISEASES

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated June 18, 2003, the, the period for replying having been extended three (3) months to December 18, 2003, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This reply includes:

Amendments to the Claims  
Amendments to the Drawings  
Amendments to the Specification with  
Sequence Listing; and  
Remarks.

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